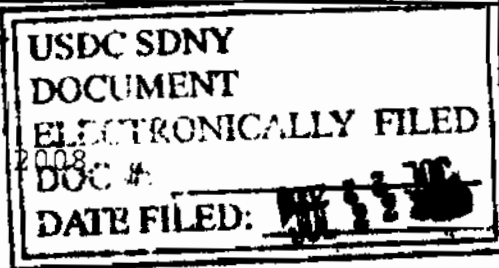


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**BY HAND**

Honorable George B. Daniels  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street, Room 630  
New York, New York 10007

**SO ORDERED**

The sentencing is scheduled for  
August 20, 2008 at 10:15 a.m.

*George B. Daniels*  
**HON. GEORGE B. DANIELS**

**JUL 22 2008**

Re: U.S. v. Najir Williams, a/k/a "Cartel"  
07 Cr. 1231(GBD)

Dear Judge Daniels:

Mr. Williams pled guilty in November 2007 to a two-count indictment involving a drug conspiracy. A control date was set for September 11, 2008. However, I will be away from September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Both the Government and the defense are prepared for an earlier sentencing date. Accordingly, we jointly request that sentencing be set for the morning of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 or after 3:30 p.m. that day.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: USPO Chris Ferrall

Mr. Najir Williams